

**John Connolly to George Washington, February 9, 1775,
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FROM DOCTOR JOHN CONNOLLY.

WINCHESTER Feby: 9th. 1775.

DEAR SIR.

I was this far determined to proceed to Williamsburgh, to lay before His Excellency some matters which concerned the interest of this Government, & the Frontiers in particular; but finding that my immediate return to Pittsburgh was indispensably necessary, I have despatched my Servant Express to my Lord, by whom I now write you. —

As His Lordship in the late treaty with the Indians, acquainted them, that He would, by a preparative Message let them know at what time it would suit Him to meet the Chiefs in the Spring at Pittsburgh, to settle every minute matter; & the distracted affairs of Government will now (I fear) put it out of his power to attend personally, I have requested, that His Excellency would let me know, how I should deport myself towards the Indians, & in what manner, I am to act with the prisoner Mingoes now in my Cus[to]dy; as they begin to think their Nation rather more severely dealt with, than the Shawanese, & without some proper measures are pursued, these troublesome People may again disturb our sittlements.—If I have proper orders how to proceed, everything may be extremely well adjusted, & I think much to the honor of [this] Government.

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I have desired my Man to leave this letter in the office at Fredericksburgh to be conveyed to you as expeditiously as possible, & I hope I shall be favored with an Answer, & your opinion by the Return Express.

I have transmitted a Copy of the Treaty to his Excellency, & should have sent you one also, only as I have desired the Journal of the Expedition to be printed including the whole, I deemed it unnecessary.

I am Dr Sir Your most obedt. Servt. JNO: CONNOLLY.